

# 4-H BEEF SHOW

REFER TO JR. FAIR SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES

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## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Cattle being exhibited at the Scioto County Fair do not have to be accompanied by a health certificate issued prior to the fair (unless something would change and ODA would require them).** However, all animals are subject to a vet inspection at the fair. Please note that animals being transported across state lines and/or commingled may require additional health assessments. Please contact your veterinarian for advice on specific circumstances.
2. All animals must be disease free and have up to date vaccinations (as recommended by your vet) for proper disease prevention. Animals not meeting vet approval will be dismissed and are ineligible for exhibition. **Market animals must adhere to appropriate withdraw times for any medication and/or vaccinations.**
3. Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF's) must be completed accurately and completely at the Scioto County Fair on all designated animals or order for those animals to be exhibited, shown and/or sold at the fair.
4. **All tags and identification must remain on animals at all times. If a tag is lost, it must be reported to the Extension Office immediately. Animals not having tags or identification (or evidence of them) are ineligible to exhibit at the fair.**
5. **If any project animal dies or is injured after the stated county possession date, or after it has been identified and/or weighed, there will be no substitution of animals.** However, 4-H members may receive credit for their project, provided they complete the club's meeting and project completion requirements. They must also exhibit an educational poster in the 4-H Building if they wish to receive a premium and fair pass for that project. They cannot exhibit, show and/or sale another project as a substitute for the dead or injured animal. Members interested in Dairy, Horse, Poultry and Rabbit projects may explore Senior Fair Open Class exhibition opportunities.

## **GENERAL BEEF RULES:**

1. All projects must be in the member's ownership, possession and continual care by May 1 of the current year, or by their project deadline. **Any special arrangements must be approved individually and on file at the Extension Office by May 1.**
2. All projects must be weighed and/or identified at an official county tagging (for that project) during the current 4-H project year. 4-H'ers must all appropriate enrollment and identification forms on file in the Extension Office for the current year. Only entries meeting these standards are eligible for exhibition, show and/or sale at the fair.
3. 4-H members are responsible for their project animals from the start of their project year until they are loaded for shipment, their sale contract is fulfilled, and/or their project year is completed. **Members are responsible for their project animals at all times.** 4-H Committee members, Extension Personnel, or Agricultural Society members are not responsible for the safety of the animals under any conditions.
4. 4-H members can exhibit, show and sell only one market livestock project at the Scioto County Fair.
5. **4-H members must show and/or sell their own projects.** If a 4-Her has other commitments/interests and feels that they cannot be present to show, exhibit and/or sell their

own project according to Junior and Senior Fair exhibition guidelines, then the 4-H'er and their parents must decide what is most important for them. If their project animal dies after the project enrollment or identification deadline, they may not substitute another animal for any reason but are encouraged to create a poster or similar educational exhibit about their project to be exhibited at the fair. **This includes showmanship classes and Showman of Showmen competition.** Only Exceptions: 1) A medical emergency excused by an Extension professional and superintendent-in-charge prior to the event. Proposed situation must be received in writing and accompanied by medical excuse/statement from doctor prior to the event. 2) The 4-H'er is participating in a 4-H competition at the State Fair. Only under these circumstances can a junior fair member show and/or sell another member's project.) **Adults are not eligible to show and/or sell animals during the Junior Fair.**

6. **If a 4-H'er is not excused prior to the Junior Fair Animal Sale, and is not present to sell their own market animal, that animal will be sent to the stockyard and sold for market price. It will not be eligible to sell in the Junior Fair Sale and cannot be taken home.**
7. 4-H members taking beef, sheep, swine and goat projects may begin their project by identifying and weighing two (2) animals of the same species and project. One animal may be used as an alternate (in case of sickness, etc. of first animal) and/or registered for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair. The second identified animal in the market beef, sheep, goat and swine projects may also be enrolled in the appropriate carcass activity. Note: 4-H'er may only show and sell one market animal (project) at the Scioto County Fair. **Absolutely** no substitutions or change of animals can be made after the animals have been brought to the fair for competition.
8. All project and member information must be recorded on a 4-H'ers enrollment form by the Fair enrollment deadline in order for them to be eligible to compete or exhibit any project in the Junior Fair. All Junior Fair information will be assumed complete and accurate upon submission and cannot be changed after stated deadlines. It is the 4-H'er's responsibility (and their parent and/or guardian's) to inspect all completed forms (before signing) them to insure their accuracy.
9. State Fair livestock entries must be made directly with the State Fair and require a separate registration that can be obtained online at the Ohio State Fair website or from the County Extension Office. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to see that State Fair registrations are acquired and completed by the appropriate deadlines.
10. If a 4-H'er wishes to participate in the beef, sheep, goat and/or swine carcass activity, the 4-H'er must identify and/or weigh carcass animals according to activity rules and deadlines. **4-H'ers must enroll in a carcass activity by registering the appropriate project activity number on their advisor's enrollment form. Members who do not register on their enrollment form correctly are ineligible to compete in this activity.** Refer to the carcass contest guidelines for activity number and completed guidelines. *Carcass Purchase/Process* and *registration forms* must also be completed by the stated deadlines.
11. All 4-H members must clean their livestock pens daily. **PREMIUMS WILL BE WITHHELD AND ANIMALS WILL BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS IF PENS AND ANIMALS ARE NOT PROPERLY CARED FOR.** (See General Breeding & Market Animal Rules)
12. **Grooming of project livestock will be limited to 4-H members, immediate family members and approved Scioto County 4-H Volunteers.** Immediate family is defined as grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, brother, sister (this includes step parents/grandparents and siblings).
13. **Beef projects must be halter broken and able to be led by the 4-H member. Livestock posing a safety threat will be removed from the show ring and/or fairgrounds and forfeit any exhibition, show and/or sale privileges.** The 4-H member must lead the animal in the ring for the duration of their class and be placed by the judge in order to participate in the show and/or sale. At no time may adults show and/or sale an exhibitor's project.

14. The Junior Fair strongly recommends that adhesive not be used. If adhesive is used, it must be removed within two (2) hours after the end of the show. *Water may only be used on sale day (on market steers) to reduce heat stress while animals are being transported for harvest. (See Special & General Market Livestock Rules).* The use of grooming aids containing pigment (including those used on the skin, hair and hooves of the animal), and any other products not approved for use on market animals, are prohibited. Please note that many Ashow@ or Agrooming@ products may contain such items. *Just because a product is sold (or commonly used) as grooming agent that does not mean it is ODA approved for use on livestock!*
15. All 4-H'ers enrolled in market beef, market sheep, market swine, market poultry (including turkey and waterfowl), market rabbit and breeding rabbits, goat projects and dairy cattle projects (and wishing to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair or Ohio State Fair) must be verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (Q.A.) Session (or other approved session) for the current year. Session information is available from the Extension Office or club advisors. **Youth who do not attend a Scioto County Q.A. session on a yearly basis are ineligible to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair (or State Fair) in these project areas for the current year. It is the 4-H'er's (and their parent or guardian's) responsibility to see that they attend a session. No make-up sessions will be offered in Scioto County. Members may attend other certified county and/or state Quality Assurance events (such as the Beef Expo) only if such events are approved by the county Extension Educator.**
16. All project, breeding, market, and carcass animals must be identified and/or weighed on specific dates in order to be eligible to exhibit, compete and/or sell at the Scioto County Fair. Members and volunteers will be notified of these dates. Please refer to a pre-fair schedule or volunteer newsletter for specific dates.
17. **Any animal posing a safety threat will be removed from exhibition, showing and/or sale and will forfeit any exhibition, show and/or sale privileges.** Animals deemed unsafe must be removed within the time frame set forth by the 4-H Committee(s) and/or the Agriculture Society.

#### **BEEF BREEDING RULES:**

1. **All beef breeding animals (heifer and dam & offspring projects) must be tagged during the official Scioto County tagging for these projects and have an identification form on file in the Extension Office for the current year. Calves (in dam & offspring projects) born after this date must have their dams tagged by the deadline. Refer to the pre-fair schedule or advisor news letters for the exact dates.**
2. All heifer projects must be born and exhibited according to class age guidelines.
3. All calves, associated with dam and offspring projects, must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Male offspring may or may not be castrated only when associated with dam and offspring projects. Otherwise they must be castrated.
4. Members may exhibit only one beef heifer project and/or only one beef dam & offspring project in the appropriate class each year (i.e. only one entry in classes 1-8, and/or one entry in class 9).
5. **Young heifers can be shown as a feeder calf, a heifer, or as part of a dam & offspring project. They cannot be shown in more than one of these categories.**
6. Classes will be divided by age, and depending on the number of animals, within each breed shown. Some classes may be divided or combined due to the number of animals entered. The first place animal of each class will return to compete for champion and reserve overall beef breeding. A champion and reserve heifer and champion and reserve cow and calf will be selected.

## CLASSES:

1. **Spring Heifer Calves** - calved on or after March 1 of the current year.
2. **Junior Heifer Calves** - calved between January 1 & February 28 of the current year.
3. **Winter Heifer Calves** - calved between November 1 & December 31 of the past year.
4. **Senior Heifer Calves** - calved between September 1 & October 31 of the past year.
5. **Late Summer Yearling Female** - calved between July 1 & August 31 of the past year.
6. **Summer Yearling Female** - calved between May 1 & June 30 of the past year.
7. **Late Junior Yearling Female** - calved between March 1 & April 30 of the past year.
8. **Junior Yearling Female** - calved between January 1 & February 28 of the past year.
9. **Dam and Offspring** - either daughter or son.

## FEEDER CALF RULES:

1. 4-H'ers may show one feeder calf project per year.
2. **Feeder calves must be tagged on the official Scioto County tagging date and an identification form must be on file in the Extension Office for the current year.**
3. Feeder calves must be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.
4. Feeder calves can be either female or male.
5. Feeder **calves must be properly dehorned, and/or castrated and healed by fair.** *Upon examination by the Fair Vet, any animal not meeting these guidelines, will be ineligible for exhibition and show and will be removed from the Fairgrounds per instructions.*
6. *Heifers can be shown as a feeder calf, a heifer, or as part of a dam & offspring project. They cannot be shown in more than one of these categories.*
7. Classes will be divided and shown by age. **Some classes may be combined or divided due to numbers.**
8. A champion and reserve champion feeder calf will be selected.

## STEER RULES:

1. Steers must be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the past year.
2. Only steers showing a predominance of beef characteristics may be shown.
3. Steers must be castrated and dehorned by the official county tagging date of the current 4-H year. If an animal has not been properly dehorned or castrated by the weigh-in, it may not be identified as a market steer project. Animals showing evidence of testicular tissue are ineligible for exhibition, carcass, market classes, or the Scioto County Junior Fair Sale. **Upon examination by the Fair Vet or ODA representative, any animal not meeting these guidelines, will be ineligible for exhibition, show and sale and will be removed from the Fairgrounds as per instructions.**
4. Steers must be separated from the regular herd. No nurse cows are permitted during the 4-H market steer project period.
5. Fair weigh-in for steers will be Monday of the fair, 8:00 a.m. **All steers must be in place by the time stated in the fair schedule.**
6. Steers must be weighed only with a rope halter and rope lead rope at fair weigh-in.
7. All steers will be entered in a rate-of-gain contest.
8. **All 4-H'ers wishing to exhibit a market steer project at the Scioto County Fair must be**

verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (Q.A.) Session for the current year. Session information is available at the Extension Office or from club advisors. Youth who do not attend a Scioto County Q.A. session for the current year are ineligible to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair during that year. It is the 4-H'er's (and their parent or guardian's) responsibility to see that they attend a session. No make-up sessions will be offered in Scioto County.

9. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the fair weigh-in to be eligible for grand, reserve, or rate-of-gain champion and to sell in the sale. Light weight animals are permitted one weigh back, immediately following their first weighing. The animal will be removed, the scales balanced, and the animal immediately loaded onto the scales for re-weighing. The second weight will be the official weight.
10. Steers weighing less than 1,000 pounds will be shown in a lightweight class only for participation ribbons. They are encouraged to participate in a showmanship class.
11. **4-H'ers with lightweight steers will be given a light weight slip immediately after their animals weighed. 4-H'ers must indicate whether they wish to take their steer home (after midnight Friday & prior to 6:00 a.m. Saturday, or after midnight Saturday) or sell their steer to the stockyards (at market price) on this form. Forms must be returned to the Extension Office no later than one hour after the steer show. Lightweight steers that do not have the appropriate forms completed by this deadline will be sold to the stockyards, they cannot be taken home.**
12. Steers will be shown by hip height.
13. Proper show halters and lead straps are required for each steer exhibited. Steers should be tied securely with a halter and neck rope in the stall.
14. Steers may or may not be subject to any type of shrinkage in accordance to sale guidelines.
15. The use of stomach tubes for the purposed of anything other that the temporary expulsion of gas on weigh-in or show days is prohibited. Any such action must be in accordance to vet instructions.
16. 4-H members must clean their livestock pens daily. PREMIUMS WILL BE WITHHELD AND ANIMALS WILL BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS IF PENS AND ANIMALS ARE NOT PROPERLY CARED FOR. (See Market & Breeding Animal Rules).
17. **ORDER OF SHOW:**
  - a. All steers will be weighed and measured at hip height and divided into classes of not more than 10 head. Class 1 will be smallest hip height thru the next 10. Other classes will be arranged the same way.
  - b. In all championship classes, both a champion and a reserve champion shall be selected. Only first place animals will be allowed to compete for championship. The second place winner in the class from which the champion was selected is eligible to compete for reserve champion.
  - c. Best Scioto County- The highest placing animal in each class will compete in a class for the selection of Best Scioto County Champion and Reserve.
18. **STEER SALE:**
  - a. Saturday of the fair. See Fair schedule for date and time.
  - b. Steers will be sold as follows: Overall Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Scioto Co. Grand, Best Scioto Co. Reserve, Rate-of-Gain Champion, followed by a rotation of classes, as selected by computer.
  - c. Sale Order: See fair schedule for current listing.

19. If steers (other than the Champion, Reserve, Rate-Of-Gain, or Best Scioto County Steer) are to be withdrawn from the sale, 4-H members must notify the 4-H Educator, in writing, within one hour after the beef show. Scioto County 4-H market animals should not be shown at other 4-H events after the fair.

### **SHOWMANSHIP RULES:**

1. Showmanship will be divided as follows:

Senior.....Ages 15-18, as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Intermediate.....Ages 12-14, as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Junior.....Ages 8-11, as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.

A grand and reserve showman will be selected in each age division. **Participants must show their own project animal (feeder, beef breeding or steer) in all showmanship classes.**

2. Sign-up sheets for showmanship will be posted in the barn prior to the contest.
3. The winner of senior showmanship will compete in the Showman of Showmen Contest Friday, of the fair, in the show arena. The winner must show their own animal.
4. A junior beef herdsman award and senior beef herdsman award will be presented to the 4-H members exhibiting the best overall herdsman qualities throughout the fair.

### **CLASSES:**

1. **Feeder Calves**
2. **Beef Breeding**
3. **Market Steers**
4. **Senior Showmanship (15-18 years)**
5. **Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)**
6. **Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)**

Refer to "Jr. Fair Livestock Rules & Regulations" and "General Breeding and Market Animals Rules" for other rules pertaining to this project.

### **SKILLATHON and OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR**

All livestock project members are encouraged to participate in the livestock skillathon. Specific date information is located on the pre-fair schedule.

One Outstanding Exhibitor will be selected in each specie area each year. This person is selected based upon their scores in the skillathon contest, showmanship and a project class. Therefore, 4-H'ers must participate in all of these events in order to compete for this award.

For complete rules, dates and guidelines on these programs refer to the "Educational Livestock Event and Activities" section of the county project requirements.